

property, either within or outside the municipality, either in fee or as an easement, for the construction, establishment, extension, alteration, maintenance, or operation of any part or appurtenance of said water supply system, this to be done by the purchase of the same from the owner or owners, or upon the failure to agree, by the condemnation of the same by proceedings in the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, as now provided for condemnation of land by public service corporations in Article 33A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and said authorities may, at the same time, condemn the interest of any tenant, lessee or other person having an interest in said property. At any time after ten days after the return and recordation of the verdict or award in said proceedings, the said authorities may enter upon and take possession of said property so condemned upon first paying to the Clerk of the Court the amount of the said award and all costs and taxes to date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceeding upon the part of the defendant. At the time of said payment, however, they shall give their corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment on such appearance or further proceeding.

1929, ch. 27, sec. 10.

**375.** The authorities are authorized and empowered to take over by purchase or condemnation any privately owned water supply system. Such condemnation proceedings shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 374. When any such private system is taken possession of, said authorities may extend or alter and maintain or operate said system in conjunction with their general system, and thereafter all properties along the lines of said privately owned systems, so taken over, shall stand in the same relation, bear the same benefit assessment, and be subject to the same regulations and penalties as though the system so acquired had been constructed and put into operation by said authorities; provided, however, that said authorities may take into account and compensate for any portion of the cost of constructing the privately owned system that they may determine to have been paid by properties abutting upon any portion of said system. Whenever there is in existence a privately owned water supply system, which, in the judgment of said authorities, is unfit as a whole or in part for incorporation into the general system established by said authorities, said authorities may disregard the existence of said system or unfit part thereof, and extend their system to serve the area tributary to the existing private system or unfit part thereof, and all the provisions of this Act relating to systems constructed by said authorities shall apply to said extensions.

1929, ch. 27, sec. 11.

**376.** Said authorities may enter upon any highway for the purpose of installing, extending, altering, maintaining and operating a water supply system, and may construct or repair in any such highway a water main or any appurtenance thereof upon the receipt of a permit from the proper